Minutes – East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee – September 3, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Greening of the City via Fleet Division and a New Municipal Green Energy Utility Company

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee laid over consideration of the following motion to its meeting on November 18, 2026:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a stated policy to reduce greenhouse gases;

AND WHEREAS the City Fleet does most of the purchasing, save that of Transit Buses, for most of the City of Winnipeg's needs;

AND WHEREAS the goal to prevent Climate Change or the Climate Crisis is to limit greenhouse emissions so as to prevent a change in the average temperature of the Planet above 1.5 degrees Celsius

AND WHEREAS the Fleet Division has within their business plan a calculation on expectations of rising fuel prices;

AND WHEREAS Fuel prices have been very volatile upwards and with the uncertainty in the geopolitical condition of the world today, most experts believe rising fuel prices, above the rate of inflation, can be expected;

AND WHEREAS rising fuel prices presents the City of Winnipeg, with an opportunity, that the said cost budgeted against rising fuel prices could instead be part of a business plan where said costs instead are used to rapidly transition the entire fleet to electric vehicles, namely in light duty cars and pick up trucks, thus keeping dollars in Manitoba instead of paying for carbon based fuels that flow from Alberta or Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS we have a Federal Government that is very keen to facilitate greater Electric Vehicle conversions, along with the stated policies of the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Strategic Planning Action Plan considers the idea of a new Green Utility;

AND WHEREAS said Green Utility could be the sole provider of all electric vehicle charging station hook ups in private residential locations and for public site charging station locations, providing for a more affordable and readily available green charging station infrastructure for rapid charging, that would assist in the over all community greenhouse gas infrastructure goals;

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS a green energy utility controlled and run by the city of Winnipeg, with or without a monopoly granted by the Province of Manitoba, could be a new source of revenue to the City of Winnipeg of exponential proportions that could dramatically reduce the constant burden and demand on homeowner property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Public Works request that the Fleet Division of the City of Winnipeg, work with corporate finance, to devise an outline of a business plan, that could be considered by the Standing Committee to consider financing options, including a new reserve fund for said green vehicle conversion that would secure financing against the future rising fuel costs.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fleet Division, working with Corporate Finance and any and all other entities within the City of Winnipeg, develop the Business Plan for the new City of Winnipeg Green Utility, so that a vision can be created that, via said new agency, not only can the City of Winnipeg as a Corporate entity go green and go green fast, but so could it be made more practical for thousands of Winnipeg consumers who want to have a green option but are presently limited due to the lack of infrastructure or affordable infrastructure for recharging stations.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Councillor Browaty to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

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Carried

Councillor Wyatt resumed the Chair.